



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

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Don't Forget to Save this Date: OCTOBER 24, 2026 Because the Fall Benefit and Silent Auction are Back!



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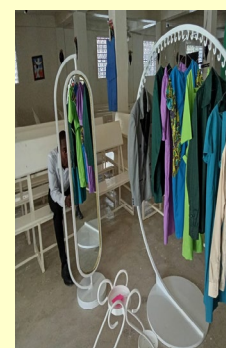
The theme of the auction is HOPE FOR HAITI. The auction will showcase how God continues to care for the people of Haiti through the mission and work of Living Hope Ministries in Haiti (LHM). So, please mark your calendars, and join us for an evening of fun, food, and festivities, and learning about all that is new! There will be an auction, Haiti updates, kid's activities, and more. The Benefit will be held at Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. More details in the next newsletter!

There is so much going on, it's hard to fit it all in!

The Kindergarten Graduation: On June 29th, in the midst of a very warm Sunday reaching temperatures of over a hundred by the time they finished, the 16 kindergarten graduates were ready for their songs, dances, and skits after practicing for a couple of months and doing their regular lessons. Parents, family, and friends were all present to observe the students in their program. Also, the 2 younger preschool classes: 4-year-olds and 3-year-olds performed wonderfully. It was a long day for these little ones to be up and present at the church at 8 am and dressed and redressed several times for each of the performances.



Joint Schools Exposition: On July 31, the primary and trade schools put on an exposition of their wares, crafts and creations.



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What's Happening in Haiti?

A Tire and Cement Bridge – An Immediate but Temporary Fix

by Tamara Howes & Mary Jane Jolibois

In preparation for the rains, a neighboring clinic and LHM joined together to do what they could to improve the road and passageway to the LHM schools and the nearby clinic for the children, staff, and others that must pass on this road on foot. Often, people are forced to walk through the deep muddy water, and this is a measure to stop that from happening.

They used old tires, cement, and rebar to make a temporary but better way for the rainwater that washes down that section of the road. As you can see in these pictures, columns of old tires have rebar in the center of the tires, and cement was poured in to hold the tires in place. Mixing the cement and the setting of the tires was all done by hand.



This bridge is temporary. But for now, it will work fine for the children to get to school more safely. The tire bridge will allow a place for the rainwater to flow over and through the tires and then come calmly out the other side of the ditch so that people can cross on foot without having to wade through the rainwater. This bridge was an idea from the neighborhood just outside the mission walls. People came together to build and help fund it with whatever money they had and design it for everyone coming and going up and down this road. It's wonderful when the neighbors can step outside their gated walls and design something together and achieve it as a community. God is definitely at work here. And when the situation in Haiti changes, we will resume the plans and the building of our original Bridge Project, which will help to open the roads in the mission area to allow for safe travel for vehicles and pedestrians during the rainy season.

News from The Haitian Department of Education that will directly affect our school: After many years of discussions and plans, the Haiti Department of Education has announced that all primary schools must add 7th, 8th and 9th grade classes in their schools – or close down. So, since we have always grown from the preschool classes up, we will do the same thing now by adding one year at a time as our own students are prepared for the higher grades. In other words, we will add the 7th grade this year for our graduating 6th graders, next year we'll add the 8th grade, and the following year, the 9th grade. The parents have also been asking us to do this for years. Andris is already interviewing and selecting the appropriate teachers for the 7th grade. These teachers will be paid according to the number of hours they teach per month, rather than the way the primary teachers are paid, who are hired on a monthly salary.

What's Happening in Haiti?

News from Mary Jane!



Things are really busy in Haiti! Besides all the graduation and expo activity, our VBS was held on July 6-9th, and the theme was "Haiti needs a new Generation." The purpose was to help the students grow in their Christian walk and character with inspiration from the people in the Bible. Topics included Courage like David, Integrity like Daniel, Seriousness like Stephen, Self-Control like Joseph, and a Stable Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ like Paul. The youth and church members ran the entire VBS in an excellent manner. We are so proud of them.

My own journey has taken on a new dimension of increased travel and participation with our supporting churches and organizations and some new churches too. Hope Boring (our VP) and I went to Pennsylvania for 3 days and I spoke in 2 churches and 1 adult VBS Class! (We will need to return to speak at a 3rd church soon.) They all combined to do their annual community VBS, and this year they were doing the LHM VBS Program and helping to raise money for LHM. God is Good. Next, Hope invited me to her churches' women's district convention for 3 days. I had a great time, met a lot of amazing women, and learned some new things. It was so refreshing for me. I am also very active in Mom's church. I'm involved in the pastor's Tues. morning Bible Study, the weekly Tuesday night community dinner, the Lydia Circle when possible, and have encouraged and put in prayer boxes and have receive some prayer needs and praise reports. I was also able to help with their VBS in July. At the end of July, I am in Kentucky, spending time with the 3 past LHM interns and their families while making contacts and speaking in at least 2 churches. When I return, I will be preparing for my upcoming trip to St Clair, MI and some speaking engagements there. Andris and I are aware that as missionaries, we always need to be ministering and giving wherever we are and no matter the situation. We know that the Lord has a great plan for us and we are totally and completely in agreement with Him. God wants me here for the time being and to continue to pray, minister, and put the word out about Him and about LHM in Haiti and how God is growing us there during these times. We both feel honored to be used by God. – **Love and prayers, MJ & Andris**

A Vacation Bible School Supplement from Living Hope Ministries

Whether in a VBS setting, Sunday School, or even during the regular church service "minute for missions" time, we believe that raising awareness of God's work around the world is important. And we think we have an excellent way for kids (and everyone) to learn about praying for, helping, and supporting their brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti. LHM can provide you with a program that includes short videos and activities aimed at introducing our mission to your church. It can be used as an addition to your regular VBS program or in Sunday School or church! We can provide materials for 1 day or up to 5 days. We can even tailor a program to your needs and interests. Call Deanna Breeding for more information at 614-560-0180 or email dhbread@aol.com.

Learn More About Haiti: Mary Jane is currently in Ohio. She would be happy to come and share with your church, Bible Study, or other group. No meeting is too small or too large. Please contact Mary Jane directly by email at

MaryJane-Andris@outlook.com, or by phone at 614-519-4460.

You can also email to livinghopeministries94@gmail.com to request a visit.

Zoom gatherings for your church or group are also available upon request.

Current Fund-Raising Initiatives:

Two Projects:

- 1.) Build the perimeter wall for the LHM Family Health Clinic in Zest.
- 2.) Provide for the operational costs: supplies and materials for classes, salaries, building and yard upkeep, animals, etc.

Thank you ahead of time for your generous giving to enable us to accomplish these projects.

How to Donate Gifts of Hope for LHM

1) **Electronic giving online** at www.livinghopehaiti.org

- a. Direct payments from a Checking or Savings account (one-time or recurring)
 - b. Credit Card payments (one-time or recurring)
- 2) **Checks by mail** made payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti.

Giving categories: Please note a giving category in the memo field if you desire (see examples below):

- ☐ Church/Community Project
- ☐ Youth University Fund
- ☐ Student Sponsorship (include Student's number)
- ☐ Trade School
- ☐ Pre-School
- ☐ Operating Expenses
- ☐ Construction Projects

Visit Haiti on a Mission Trip

We are praying for stability to return to the nation of Haiti. When it does, we look forward to welcoming you to Haiti for a mission trip. If you are considering a visit, let us know! We would love to have you. There are lots of exciting things happening at LHM!

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(Do not send cash or checks directly to Haiti.)

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Sponsor Packages

Please do not send any boxes or letters at this time.

Traveling into Port-au-Prince to pick up packages/mail is still very dangerous. Therefore, Mary Jane and Andris are unable to receive things at this time. Thank you for understanding.

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